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Applicant: Marc Bednarz, et al.
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

SIR:

In response to the Notification dated January 12, 2009, applicant encloses herewith an Amended Appeal Brief. Applicant has not included new copies of the Exhibits A-C since copies are already on record from the originally filed Brief.

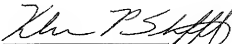
Regarding the concise explanation of the subject matter of the independent claims, this appeared on page 3 of the original Brief. Since there is only one independent claim applicant did not specifically refer to the claim by number. Thus, applicant in the Amended Brief has identified the specific claim containing the subject matter being explained. Some additional reference numerals have also been added.

Relative to the Evidence Appendix, applicant has included for each Exhibit a statement setting forth where in the record the evidence was entered by the Examiner. Concerning Exhibit C,

this was submitted as evidence in the amendment filed January 16, 2008, in particular the last four lines on page 4 of the amendment. There reference was made to lines 1-17 of column 1 of the reference. The Examiner in a subsequent Office Action indicated that no translation of the cited section was submitted. Thus, applicant submitted a translation of the cited section. The cited portion of the reference is, in applicant's opinion, relevant and applicant submits that the Examiner's comments on page 8 of the Office Action of May 20, 2008, clearly indicate the Examiner understood what the reference deals with, namely: "the shutting down of an electrolysis cell".

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

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